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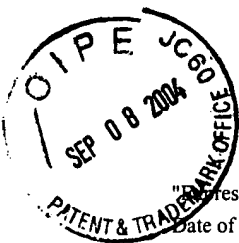
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 10/007,270

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For: NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING
INTERPHOTORECEPTOR MATRIX
PROTEINS (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004, which set June 8, 2004 as the initial deadline for filing a response. A three month petition for extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the deadline until September 8, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Reply to Office Action of March 8, 2004

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.